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Mr. James H. Davis, Ph.D., Chief Surface Water Quality Bureau New Mexico Environment Department P.O. Box 26110 Santa Fe, NM 87502

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to approve the Redondo Creek TMDL for total phosphorous as an update to work element six of the New Mexico Water Quality Management Plan.

EPA received the final TMDL on October 28, 1999, accompanied by your letter dated October 13, 1999. We commend your staff for the considerable effort that went into developing and establishing these TMDLs.

Based on our review, detailed in the enclosed document, we conclude that the TMDLs meet the requirements found in Section 303 of the Clean Water Act and the implementing regulations at 40 CFR 130.7. If you would like to discuss these approvals, please contact me or Willie Lane of my staff at (214) 665-8460.

Sincerely yours

✓William B. Hathaway

Director

Water Quality Protection Division

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